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January 25th, 2012

The Honourable Keith Ashfield
 Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
 15th Floor, Centennial Towers
 200 Kent Street
 Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: NWMB decisions on walrus sport hunt applications for 2012

Dear Minister Ashfield,

On January 17th, 2012 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) reviewed walrus sport hunt applications for the 2012 harvesting season.

In accordance with S. 5.2.34(d)(i) and S. 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA)*, the Board:

“RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following 2012 walrus sport hunt plans: Aiviq HTO (5 walrus), Hall Beach HTO (15 walrus), Igloolik HTO (25 walrus), Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour (8 walrus), and Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour (6 walrus), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;*
- 2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;*
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;*
- 4. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease; and*
- 5. That Aaron Emiktowt and Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour obtain written support from the Coral Harbour HTO for their requested sport hunts. The Coral Harbour HTO must approve sport hunt allocations.”*

The Board also received and reviewed an application from Salluit, Quebec (Nunavik). As per NLCA S. 5.2.34(d)(i) and S. 5.6.48, as well as NLCA S. 40.2.14 and S. 40.2.15 and the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA) S. 27.6.2 pertaining to management in areas of equal use and occupancy, the Board:

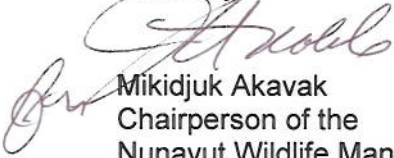
“RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following 2012 walrus sport hunt application and hunt plan for Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec (8 walrus) subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;*

2. *That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;*
3. *That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;*
4. *That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease; and*
5. *That Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec obtains written support for the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board for the requested sport hunts."*

Should you accept the decisions of the NWMB with regards to the 2012 walrus sport hunts, the NWMB anticipates that implementation of the decisions by your department will include appropriate notification of walrus sport hunt allocation approvals to the applicants. The NWMB has communicated this to the applicants and applicants have been informed that the decisions are currently under your consideration as per the NLCA. Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to any of these decisions, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,



Mikidjuk Akavak
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc. NWMB Board Members